

Detrick Cleanup Continues

The Army plans to inject chemicals into the groundwater beneath Fort Detrick, Md., to neutralize contamination by cancer-causing solvents dumped there decades ago, the post's environmental officer said.

The project, which is expected to cost \$500,000 to \$1 million, would follow the completion of work now under way to remove buried waste that is the suspected source of the pollution, said Lt. Col. Jeffery Springer.

Neutralizing the pollution, through a process called chemical oxidation, is the next step in an environmental effort that began in 1991 and will continue for several years.

Fort Detrick houses the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, where scientists develop germ-warfare defenses.